

"What God may hereafter require of you, you must not give yourself the least trouble about. Everything He gives you to do you must do as well as you can, and that is the best possible preparation for what he may want you to do next. If people would but do what they have to do they would always find themselves ready for what came next."

"There is a church-seating capacity in this country for 43,000,000 people. There are 111,036 ministers; this would give to each minister a congregation of 387. Everybody in this country could go to church morning or evening, and one-third of the population could go both times, without a single person being forced to stand."

"An exchange tells of the case of a woman, where the physician had pronounced her incurable, getting well and staying so on a few ounces of cream used daily with the addition of some sponge cake. Sip warm milk when you feel out of sorts; it will relieve your nerves and fortify your stomachs, and the world will look brighter to you after you have taken it."

For a long time we have been an advocate of "woman's rights;" but if we should be continued editor for many years we shall have to change our politics unless the sisters will do better than they have thus far. They do not keep up their departments as well as the children. Either one of the two interpretations of this, inability or indifference, is alike discreditable. We know that he who ventures to criticise the gentler sex generally comes out of the contest crest fallen and defeated; but every cause, however good has never prospered except as it feasted on martyr's blood, and we might as well be the victim as any one else.

There is need of a religion that shows itself in the possessor wherever he may be. That man who is never thought of as a Christian except when he is seen in his pew on Sunday does not have enough religion to suit us. We want to see our church members so full of Christ that it will require no uniform in dress or toilet, no examination of church records, to know whether they belong to the family of God or not. For this reason we greatly enjoy the contributions of Bro. Balsbaugh. We wish that more of our contributors would give attention to that phase of Christianity. The spirituality, devotion, and piety of the membership of a church are its back bone. If it is deficient here it will have no fulcrum upon which to operate any levers of power which it may have.

THERE are many persons who do not idle their time alone; they are the scourge of those who are occupied. *De Bonalk.*

Pastors have been encouraged to attempt great things, and then been left when half way up the hill.—*Episcopal Recorder.*

PAST SIXTY.

While listening recently to a preacher a little past sixty years old who spoke out of the depths of his own heart upon the great truths of the gospel, we could but wonder anew at the popular demand for young men in the pulpit. We love young men. We hope never to lose the spirit of youth. We would in every way encourage young men and young ministers; but we cannot forget that there are a great many things which can only come with years. A young minister, a young Christian, means well. He is entitled to our sincere affection, our confidence, our aid; but from the nature of the case, there is a great deal that he cannot know. He cannot have a very long, and hardly a very deep, Christian experience. He believes the truth according to his light, but he cannot know it in the sense that he will know it thirty years later. When he speaks of the sustaining power of God's grace in affliction, he has in most cases to do it at second hand; he can but tell what others have told him. When he speaks of Jesus Christ, he cannot speak of Him as a life-long friend. He does not learn to know Jesus Christ in six months. His faith is all right as far as he goes, but faith is largely a matter of growth. It begins small; it increases by exercise, by conquest. To-day we can trust God but for a little, to-morrow for more, until by and by, we can trust him for all within the limits of the universe. To-day we walk upon the promises of God with doubting and faltering step, not knowing if they will bear; but in time we walk forth upon them as upon the solid granite. The young man is naturally concerned with those aspects of truth which appeal to the sentiment and the imagination and which attract the young maidens; the older man lays hold upon the fundamental principles of the gospel which are the pillars of the universe.

A great many men have done their best preaching after they were sixty. This was eminently true of Francis Wayland. His earlier preaching was more rhetorical, formal, ambitious; his latest preaching was indescribably tender, uplifting, simple, powerful. Dr. Robinson, whom the writer has listened to at intervals for the last forty years, never preached so well, with such depth of sympathy and insight, as to-day. We believe the same to be true of a great many of our ministers upon whom the snows of Winter have fallen, but in whose heart reigns the sunshine of God's eternal Summer.—*The National Baptist.*

Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

WHICH?

"Reader, there are two ways of beginning the day—with prayer or without it. You begin the day in one of these ways. Which? There are two ways of spending the Sabbath—idly or devotionally. You spend the Sabbath in one of these two ways. Which? There are two classes of people in the world—the righteous and the wicked. You belong to one of these two classes. Which? There are two great rulers in the universe—God and Satan. You are serving under one of these two great rulers. Which? There are two roads which lead through time to eternity—the broad and the narrow road. You are walking in one of these roads. Which?"

MRS. WILLIAMS

Has Finished Her 110 Days Fast.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 31.—U. P.—Mrs. Williams, the faith cure fanatic and religious enthusiast, has just finished her 110 days' fast, 70 days in which crackers and claret—the body and blood of Christ—formed her sole diet, and 40 days in which she ate absolutely nothing. This season of fasting called "Going through the wilderness," is considered necessary to purge the body of all sinfulness and give the fasters purely spiritual bodies.

Mrs. Williams looks but little the worse for the critical ordeal. With her are about 150 disciples, who are rejoicing that they have reached the outskirts of the long, weary wilderness. Mrs. Williams explained at great length how all that was carnal and earthly of the present body had been cleansed and purified, leaving a wholly spiritual body.—*Cleveland Plaindealer.*

A prominent democrat of Chicago has placed the following facts in possession of President Cleveland.

"The Catholics of Chicago have:"

The Mayor.

The Chief of Police.

The Chief of the Fire department.

The Postmaster.

The State's Attorney.

Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Clerk of the Probate Court.

Clerk of the Superior Court.

A flumber of the Judges.

Forty-five of the sixty-eight Aldermen.

"Ninety per cent. of the police force, 80 per cent. of the members of the fire department, and 67 per cent. of the school teachers are Catholics. The impression has been getting abroad that all of the offices of Cook county were being filled by Catholics. It was deemed advisable that the president should be informed of this and that the federal government should not render itself liable to the same criticism." It is believed that this movement will knock out both Russell and Lawler and lead to greater care in the selection of officials both for the federal and local governments.